

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is also related to U.S. patent application number ~~686720~~ 09/686,720 entitled "System and Method for Coordinated Simplification of Surface and Wire-frame Descriptions of a Geometric Model" to Horn, et al., now U.S. patent 6,570,568 and to U.S. patent application number ~~686,643~~ 09/686,643 entitled "Apparatus, System, and Method for Simplifying Annotations on a Geometric Surface" to Suits, et al., now U.S. patent 6,518,964, both of which are assigned to the assignees hereof, filed on the same day as this disclosure and are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Amend page 17 as shown.

~~Alternative uses and methods of simplifying the results of this invention are disclosed and claimed in U.S. patent application number xxx, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE COORDINATED SIMPLIFICATION OF SURFACE AND WIRE-FRAME DESCRIPTIONS OF A GEOMETRIC MODEL" to Horn et al, and U.S. patent application number xxx, entitled "APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMPLIFYING ANNOTATIONS ON A GEOMETRIC SURFACE" to Suits, et al, which are filed on the same day as this disclosure and incorporated by reference in their entirety.~~